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FOR: PROTECTIVE CAP FOR A CONTACT PIPE IN A WELDING TORCH IN
ADDITION TO A WELDING TORCH EQUIPPED WITH SAID CAP

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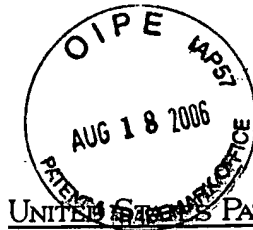
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Title

Protective cap for a contact pipe in a welding torch in addition to a welding torch equipped with said cap

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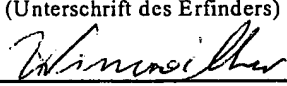
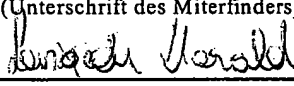
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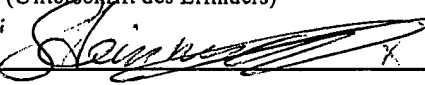
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